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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Action mailed 24 October 2002 in the above-noted application, having a shortened statutory period of 3 months, please enter the following Remarks and Amendments into the record. Also enclosed herewith is a petition for a three (3) month extension of the shortened statutory period set by the Examiner and authorization to charge the required fee to the indicated deposit account.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

C1 6 (amended) A tablet formulation according to Claim 16 wherein the core and the casing layer both comprise a compacted mixture of components.

C2 16 (amended). A tablet formulation for oral administration comprising amoxycillin and clavulanate in a ratio of 30:1 to 1:1 in which a portion of the amoxycillin and all of the clavulanate is in a central core which is surrounded by a release-retarding coating layer and the remainder of the amoxicillin is in a casing layer surrounding the core, such that there is an initial quick release of amoxycillin and clavulanate from the casing layer and a sustained release of amoxycillin and clavulanate from the core.

Please add the following claims:

C3 19 (new). A tablet according to claim 7 wherein the enteric polymer is cellulose acetate phthalate, cellulose acetate succinate, methylcellulose phthalate, ethylhydroxycellulose phthalate, polyvinylacetatephthalate, polyvinylbutyrate acetate, vinyl acetate-maleic anhydride copolymer, styrene-maleic mono-ester copolymer, methyl